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A. Summary of Present Available Information

1. Almost all of the DTLINEN propaganda material is sent into the DDR in balloon operations. A small percentage of the DTLINEN distribution is accomplished in mailing operations which are described below.

2. In January 1954, approximately 12,500 letters were mailed; approximately 17,500 in February; approximately 10,000 in March; and approximately 11,500 in April. The material consists of either general type propaganda or individual warning letters. Several (up to 5) propaganda items are generally inserted into one envelope.

3. DTLINEN-produced propaganda material is being mailed from East Berlin and West Germany and anticatholic propaganda material by DTLINEN co-workers from inside the DDR. Warning letters are being mailed from East Berlin and from the DDR proper.

4. In West Germany DTLINEN has 23 mailers, whose identities are known, at its disposal. They work under the supervision and direction of the DTLINEN "Sovsone" (warning desk chiefs), i.e., Mecklenburg (5), Sachsen-Anhalt (3), Sachsen (6), Thuringia (7), and Brandenburg (2). The letters are sent to the West German mailers, fully prepared, with addresses taken from telephone directories, etc., or supplied by Sovsone co-workers. They are then sent under fictitious return addresses to the addressees in the DDR.

5. DTLINEN mailers in East Berlin and the DDR are principally from the Operation-Gut or Allgemeine Vernehmung DTLINEN sub-groups. In this connection it should be remembered that the identities of all DTLINEN co-workers are known and it is also known to which sub-group an individual co-worker belongs. As a rule members of the Operation-Gut staff come to West Berlin once a month, members of the Allgemeine Vernehmung staff come every 6 to 8 weeks. To receive material for mailing they meet DTLINEN Yokania in safe apartments or in public places. The fully prepared letters are hidden away on the mailers or in vehicles, whichever is applicable and/or judged to be the most secure method of infiltration across the sector border. In some instances stamps are affixed to the letters in East Berlin or the DDR, but as a rule the stamps are already on the letters when handed over in West Berlin. Stamps are obtained by East Berlin DTLINEN co-workers in some instances with the aid of DTLINEN co-workers in East Berlin post offices.

B. Frankfurt HQ Instructions

1. Information concerning mailing operations on hand is generally adequate. However, this information appears to be somewhat too put. During the next 2 months you are to fill in additional details pertaining to most of the steps involved in these mailing operations.

2. You are to continue vigorously your efforts to establish a small handcarrying apparatus.